(c) how Government propose to liquidate the stocks of unsold watches?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) The total number of watches in stock in trade as on 31.3.94 was 18.78 lakhs.

(b) The reasons for declining sales are change in demand pattern in intense competition.

(c) During the last year HMT has taken several measures to liquidate slow moving watches through various incentives and schemes, and increased marketing efforts.

New guidelines for implementation of watershed development programme

*271. SHRI MD. SALIM:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of new guidelines for implementation of Watershed Development Programme in drought prone/desert areas;

(b) whether these guidelines provide for the integration of funds earmarked for Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) and Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) with the Watershed Development Projects, for the disbursement of funds for watershed projects through the District Rural Development Agency (DRDA), for the watershed development funds to be routed through the water users association and watershed development committee formed specially for the purpose of project implementation;

(c) whether these guidelines also provide for any role for the Panchayats to be constituted under Article 243-B of the Constitution (73rd Amendment) Act of 1992 on the Panchayats, for any mechanism for the reservation of water conserved for the landless, for their productive and consumption requirements and for any mechanism for the reservation of water saved for the purpose of domestic water use, establishment of common nursaries and trees; and

(d) if so, the other salient features of the new guidelines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (d) New Guidelines for implementation of watershed Development Programme are under formulation and are yet to be finalised.

Land reform laws

*272. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the land reforms laws enacted by Government have not proved to be successful;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what targets were set for land reforms by the Central Government for the last year and what progress has been made in respect of each of them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (c) 1. Land being a State subject the responsibility of implementation of land reforms lies with the State Government. The Government of India only exercises a coordinative and advisory role. However, it is not correct to say that land reforms laws have not proved to be successful. Considerable progress has been made in the field which is corroboted from the following facts:—

(i) Programme for abolition of ex-intermediary interests was implemented in 1950s in respect of more than 40 per cent and area of the country. As a consequence of this, 20 million cultivators were brought into direct contact with the State. An estimated six million hactares of waste, fallow and other classes of land vested in the State.